

# What is ISE?

## Core-Awareness-Training

The ISE provides analysts, operators, and investigators with integrated and synthesized terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and homeland security information needed to enhance national security and help keep our people safe.

These analysts, operators, and investigators come from a variety of communities - law enforcement, public safety, homeland security, intelligence, defense, and foreign affairs ? and may work for federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial governments. They also have mission needs to collaborate and share information with each other and with private sector partners and our foreign allies. While they work in different disciplines and have varying roles and responsibilities, they all rely on timely and accurate information to achieve their mission responsibilities.

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## The Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment

The [ISE Program Manager \(PM-ISE\)](#) <sup>[2]</sup> works with these communities to improve the management, discovery, fusing, sharing, delivery of, and collaboration around terrorism-related information. The primary focus is any mission process, anywhere in the United States, that is intended or is likely to have a material impact on detecting, preventing, disrupting, responding to, or mitigating terrorist activity. Examples include: terrorism watchlisting, person and cargo screening, suspicious activity reporting, and alerts, warnings and notifications. Click here to learn more about the [Scope of the ISE](#) <sup>[3]</sup>. Learn about what we're working on lately at the [ISE Blog](#) <sup>[4]</sup>.

## ISE Mission Partners

Federal agencies and state, local, tribal, and private sector partners ? the [ISE Mission Partners](#) <sup>[5]</sup> ? have the mission responsibility to help protect our people and our institutions. Consequently, these agencies deliver, and operate, the ISE and are accountable for sharing to enable end-to-end mission processes that support counterterrorism. Click here to learn more about [ISE Governance](#) <sup>[2]</sup>.

The PM-ISE facilitates the development of the ISE by bringing together mission partners and aligning business processes, standards and architecture, security and access controls, privacy protections, and best practices. They provide ideas, tools, and resources to mission partners and assist them in removing barriers, facilitating change, and ensuring that ISE implementation proceeds efficiently and effectively. Click here to learn more about the [ISE Business Model](#) <sup>[6]</sup>.

## Background

The ISE was established by the [Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004](#) <sup>[7]</sup> and the Program Manager was granted government wide authority to plan for, oversee the implementation of, and manage the ISE. Click here to learn more about the [Background and Authorities of the ISE](#) <sup>[8]</sup>.

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